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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as following:

1. (Currently Amended) A support assembly for use with a vehicle article carrier comprising:

a one-piece support having a base portion adapted to be selectively proximate a vehicle surface;

a rail portion remotely spaced from said base portion and said vehicle surface;

a first attachment mechanism being associated with said support; and

a cover, said cover having a second attachment mechanism engaging said first attachment mechanism to secure said cover to said support;

wherin said rail portion includes an ear integral with said side wall, said ear being deformed into mating engagement with a plug to compressingly retain it within said support.

2. (Previously Presented) A support assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said support includes a pair of sidewalls maintained in a spaced relationship by a web disposed therebetween, said sidewalls extending upwardly from said web, said sidewalls and said web defining said base portion and said rail portion.

3. (Previously Presented) A support assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said support is formed from stamped metal.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) A support assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said cover is removably connected to said support